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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Applicant: Montgomery
Serial No. 09/727,096
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Examiner H. Mahmoudi
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**Title: Method And Apparatus For Encoding Information Using Multiple Passes And
Decoding In A Single Pass**

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Sir:

This application is pending as of the date of this submission. Applicants filed concurrently herewith an Amendment After Final and Request for Extension of Time, with authorization to charge the three-month small entity extension fees to counsel's Deposit Account 50-2213.

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Final Rejection mailed September 25, 2003 rejecting Claims 1-21, 29, and 39-73.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the small entity notice of appeal fee of \$165.00 to Deposit Account 50-2213 Order No. 042503-0261928.

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